

## Kenyan Fish Type Specimens in the Ichthyology Collection of the National Museums of Kenya

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**Abstract.** The type specimens of Kenyan freshwater fish from materials collected by the ichthyology section, Zoology Department of the National Museums of Kenya (NMK) using standard fish sampling methods and housed in the section's collection are listed. The type specimens are mainly from the Tana River, Lake Baringo and Lake Bogoria systems. The specimens recorded represent one holotype and 25 paratypes in one species.

**Key words.** Type specimens, Fish, NMK Nairobi

### INTRODUCTION

The ichthyology collection at the Zoology Department of the National Museums of Kenya (NMK) dates back to the late 1990's but earlier collections by scientists are still well curated. The material was collected in the East African region, mainly Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi. Fish sampling was done by the use of gill, seine and dip nets and line fishing among other standard fish sampling methods. Voucher specimens are stored at the Ichthyology section. Kenya has over 250 known freshwater fish species and over 700 marine fish species. However not many studies have been done so far and many more discoveries are expected after comprehensive surveys. It has to be noted that most of the type specimens in this publication are from the lower Tana and Lake Baringo, an area that was sampled recently. This highly indicates that more new taxa can be expected, especially from the coastal areas, which have been poorly studied so far.

After cataloging, all data were entered into a database and are currently transferred to the SPECIFY database sponsored by BIOTA.

Types of a single fish species are presented in this publication. There are some more specimens in the NMK fish collection labelled as types. But the names attached were obviously not described, maybe due to the sudden death of Luc de Vos (see Snoeks & Akinyi-Odhiambo 2003).

Listed are species epithet, full name with author, year of publication, page number followed by catalogue numbers, numbers and kind of type specimens. The scientists who collected the samples are also listed together with the date of collection. The exact sampling site information is indicated by geographical coordinates (Latitude/Longitude).

### MOCHOKIDAE

*manni*, *Synodontis manni* De Vos, 2001: 42

**HT:** FW/600/1: Kenya: Tana River at Baomo area near Baomo village, 1.91°S, 40.12°E, Luc De Vos & D. Nyangi

**24 PT:** Fw/806: Kenya: Perkerra irrigation scheme, Baringo system, 0.28°N, 36.01°E, East Africa Gazetteer, Luc De Vos & D. Nyangi, ii.1999

**1 PT:** Fw/606: Kenya: Tana river, Wenje area, 1.30°S, 39.30°E, East Africa Gazetteer, Luc De Vos & D. Nyangi

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